

Fire Update

November 4, 2016 - 6 P.M.

(The next Cherokee National Forest fire update will be issued November 7 unless there is a significant change.)

This update provides information regarding wild fires currently being managed in the South Cherokee National Forest.

HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE: The Holly Springs fire was detected early November 2, 2016 off CR 640 in Monroe County. The fire is contained at 30 acres. No structures are threatened. The fire is under investigation.

ROCK FIRE: The Rock Fire was detected early November 2, 2016 off SR 165 in Monroe County near Beech Gap. The fire is contained at 1 acre. No structures are threatened. The fire is under investigation.

RATTLESNAKE HOLLOW FIRE: The Rattlesnake Hollow Fire is 100% contained at 200 acres. The fire perimeter is being patrolled and firefighters are checking for hot spots and blowing fallen leaves off of the line.

WOLF CREEK FIRE: The Wolf Creek Fire was detected on October 29, 2016 and is located off McFarland Road (County RD 23—NFSR 23) in Polk County approximately 2 miles NW from Turtletown. The fire has burned approximately 420 acres and is 85% contained. Firefighters continue to improve lines and monitor for snags (dead trees) falling across containment lines. No structures are threatened.

RESTRICTIONS:

• Effective October 29, 2016 the following fire restrictions are in place for the entire Cherokee National Forest until terminated by the U.S. Forest Service:

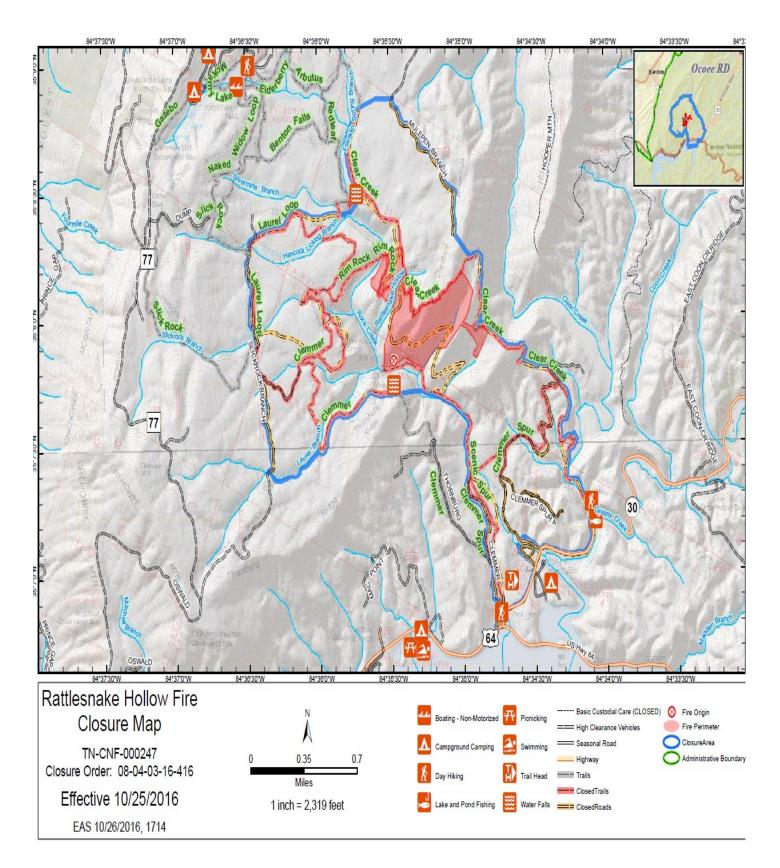
Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or charcoal fire outside of developed recreation areas is prohibited. The use of portable lanterns, stoves or heating equipment that utilize gas or pressurized liquid fuel is allowed.

CLOSURES:

- Area closure for the Rattlesnake Fire remains in place—see attached map.
- Area closure for Wolf Creek Fire remains in place—see attached map.
- * The McFarland Road 23 is open to *through traffic*. **Caution** use extreme care when approaching the fire perimeter along McFarland Road, there will be smoke and fire crews and equipment in the area. **Do not stop near the fire**.

NOTE: North Georgia—Chattahoochee National Forest: Rough Ridge Fire—This fire has burned over 3,300 acres and is located in the Cohutta Wilderness Area. The fire is putting up considerable smoke that can been seen for a significant distance. There are trail closures effective for the fire area. For information about the Rough Ridge Fire call 470-208-2839.





U.S. Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Area Closure - blue line All roads and campgrounds in the area are open.

